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I commenced Survey of Section

Town North,

Range West.

County Surveyor.

W.

E.

S.

COURSE.

DISTANCE.

REMARKS.

Squibb could get a starting point without evidence. It must be admitted that he had evidence not only of where the corner was but evidence of a satisfactory character. In fact it should have been the best on that part of the line.

What ever evidence he had must have been more valuable than any now. I judge it to be the original antlers trees. Hence his location of the line must be correct.

Another point connected with this corner. They stop here for the corner why so? It is not in the middle of the east line of sec. 12 and there is no evidence here now of the original survey. Why it is Squibb's location of the corner and they stop here because it gives the proper adjustment of the measurements for Stafford Township. (They use the S. E. corner sec 12 the same). It is diverting to see how adroitly and innocently these men with their surveyors clandestinely use Mr. Squibb's work for adjustment of their work when it suits them and ignore him when he don't suit them.

Corners Established.

Monument.

Bearing Trees.

Diameter in
Inches.

Course.

Links
Distant.

I would like to see a surveyor adjust the measurements on this range line without reference directly or indirectly to Squibb's survey. I have understood it is claimed a certain surveyor run on the west side of this last named tree about 30 years ago this refers to a quick survey made for Mr. Ogilvie to ascertain the position of his swamp lands. I showed this survey to be from 1 to 4 or 5 rods erroneous where I could find the original trees in sec 1 & 2-6-7. I don't suppose the survey was intended to be reliable.

It is, I suppose of no value as testimony since it develops no evidence. According to the statutes the court does not receive a survey as evidence but the evidence of the survey but whether the law means just this or not would be determined by the court. Old surveys are some times valuable in ascertaining the position of the original lines and corners after the original evidence has vanished. It is not my purpose here to assert whether Squibb's survey is on the original survey or not, or whether the lines as located by the appellants is on the original survey or not but to show the doubtful character of any evidence offered.

If Squibb was authorized to establish lines between the lands of United States and private proprietors his survey then is established I think.

I began survey at the South East corner section 12 Township 6 North Range 7 West.

Joseph S. Tucker } chain carriers
John W. Brannon } and stakers } all sworn
Marshal Angus F. B.

At this corner according to the swamp survey

W Oak 20 N 73 W 45 and an

Ash 7 N 36 W 40

The white oak is still living by blocking out